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121st Trooper Recruit School Begins

Hometown heroes prepare for State Police careers

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Lansing. Yesterday, 101 prospective troopers reported to the Michigan State Police (MSP) Training Academy in Lansing for the first day of the 121st Trooper Recruit School. This is the first class to be held since 89 members the 120th Trooper Recruit School graduated in December 2004.

"Today is the first day of your journey with the Michigan State Police -- a journey that will hopefully span a career marked by happiness, fulfillment and pride for what you do," Colonel Peter C. Munoz, director of the MSP, told the recruits during his welcoming remarks. "The arrival of a new recruit school is always an exciting time for the department; be assured there are many people rooting for you and anxiously awaiting your graduation."

For the next 19 weeks, between wake-up at 5 a.m. and lights-out at 10 p.m., the recruits will receive training in firearms, water safety, defensive tactics, patrol techniques, report writing, ethics, first aid, criminal law, crime scene processing and precision driving. Instruction is provided by current MSP members and the academy staff including a school commander and assistant commander, as well as 12 troopers from across the state who are assigned to the MSP Training Academy on a temporary basis.

Because the school is a residential program, the recruits are only allowed to leave the MSP Training Academy from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon. Recruits who successfully complete the training will graduate on Friday, Dec. 19, 2008, at which time they will be assigned to work sites across the state.

Over 4,000 individuals applied for the 121st Trooper Recruit School. In order to be selected to attend the academy, applicants had to pass a stringent selection process that included a physical fitness test, background investigation and hiring interview.

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As of July 12, there were 1,012 at-post troopers stationed at 51 posts and 13 satellite offices across Michigan.

Michigan State Police 121st Trooper Recruit School Participants

Hometown	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Adrian	Herman	Patrick	M.
Adrian	Horn	Bradley	James
Alpena	Halleck	Jess	M.
Ann Arbor	Aho	Michael	E.
Auburn Hills	Arrowood	Paul	E.
Bark River	Zawada	Edward	Leo
Baroda	Forrester	Christopher	A.
Bay City	Gallagher	Patrick	B.
Bear Lake	Armstrong	Gordon	Earl
Beaverton	Kehn	Kyle	M.
Belleville	Reaves	Jerome	Junior
Belmont	Williams	Matthew	I.
Birmingham	Courtley	Ronald	Russell
Caledonia	Ricketson	Ryan	Lee
Caro	Hecht	Andy	Richard
Caro	Scott	Robert	David
Charlotte	Davis	Brandon	Richard
Cheboygan	Laniga	Adam	K.
Clarkston	Chenet	Steven	Clark
Commerce Township	Childs	Daniel	L.
Dansville	Welton	Jessica	L.
DeWitt	Swanson	Seth	William
Erie	Cousino	Bradley	Joseph
Farmington	Hutchinson	James	Ryan
Fowler	Barrett	Sherry	L.
Galesburg	Kline	Jeremy	Ryan
Gaylord	Lubelan	Daniel	Gordon
Gaylord	Norman	Nicholas	R.
Grand Ledge	Adamczyk	Andrew	Alan
Grand Rapids	Bozek	Joseph	Derek
Grand Rapids	Smith	Travis	A.
Grosse Pointe Farms	Sonstrom	Benjamin	P.
Holland	Hop	Travis	James
Holland	Vashaw	Cecil	George
Howard City	Hunt	Roger	A.
Howell	Long	William	Mark
Hudsonville	DeVries	Jeremy	N.
Interlochen	Crofoot	Jeffrey	Alan
Jackson	Haehnle	James	Kaspar
Jenison	Fick, III	Thomas	E.

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Hometown	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Kalamazoo	Bierema	Bryon	P.
Kalamazoo	Pollich	Nicholas	J.
Kawkawlin	King	Jason	Jude
Kincheloe	Mitchell	Robert	P.
Lansing	Luttrull, Jr.	James	H.
Lansing	McGhee	Kevin	Scott
Lansing	McMillan	Joseph	Martin Bruce
Lansing	Miller	Jaclyn	A.
Lansing	Normandin	Joseph	James
Lansing	Nunez	Jeremy	Alexander
Lansing	Sierzputowski	Charles	J.
Lansing	Walters	Jason	A.
Lincoln Park	Conner	Bradley	C.
Livonia	Rucinski	Jeffrey	Adam
Mackinaw City	Brey	Jacob	D.
Macomb	Peck	Allen	C.
Marion	Fimbinger	Peter	Hans
Marquette	Kochan	Dieter	Alexie
Marshall	Codde	Ryan	James
Mason	Hauger	Evan	Brooks
Mt. Pleasant	Lucha	Brian	Andrew
Muskegon	Myers	Derrick	Eugene
New Buffalo	Renaud	Joey	P.
Niles	Tingley	Matthew	R.
North Branch	Young	Anthony	Robert
Novi	Bow	Robert	J.
Novi	Gruber	Michael	J.
Novi	Williams	Scott	A.
Paw Paw	Coles	Thomas	G.
Portage	Shackelford	Anthony	James
Posen	Skiera	Ashley	Ann
Rives Junction	McGaffigan	James	Joseph
Rives Junction	Miller	Mark	Lawrence
Saginaw	Christie	Ashley	Lynn
Saginaw	Kemerer	Justin	Alan
Saginaw	Leddy	Michael	A.
Saginaw	May	Joshua	Q.
Shingleton	Kinnunen	Thomas	Kyle
South Rockwood	Rollet	Raymond	L.
St. Clair	Shumaker	Eric	J.
St. Joseph	Miller	John	Aaron
Stockbridge	King	Crystal	Grace
Stockbridge	Opsahl	Joseph	A.

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Hometown	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Swartz Creek	Rodgers	Jeffery	A.
Taylor	Siemienski	Frank	James
Three Rivers	Andrews, Jr.	Marshall	C.
Three Rivers	Keifer	Autumne	Michelle
Traverse City	Baumann	Douglas	Alan
Traverse City	Boven	Christopher	David
Traverse City	Lady	Russell	B.
Traverse City	Smith	Robin	R.
Troy	Grzybowski	Gail	F.
Waterford	Comer	Jonathan	M.
Waterford	Wolf	Chad	H.
West Branch	Noble	Shane	Richard
Wolverine	Sysko	Andrew	J.
Wyoming	Mcullough	Randy	Lee
Wyoming	Van Meter	Edward	William
Ypsilanti	Buehler	John	B.
Ypsilanti	Paris	Duane	E.
Zeeland	Disselkoen	Keith	T.

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NOTE: The media is invited to spend a day in the life of a MSP trooper recruit. For the full recruit school experience, reporters are encouraged to spend the night at the MSP Training Academy and rise with the recruits at 5:30 a.m. Meals and lodging will be provided by the MSP. **To make visiting arrangements, please call F/Lt. Robert Young at (517) 322-5596.** To view weekly photos of the recruits, visit the MSP Training Academy Web site at www.michigan.gov/msp-training.